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# ZERO'S FAMILIAR

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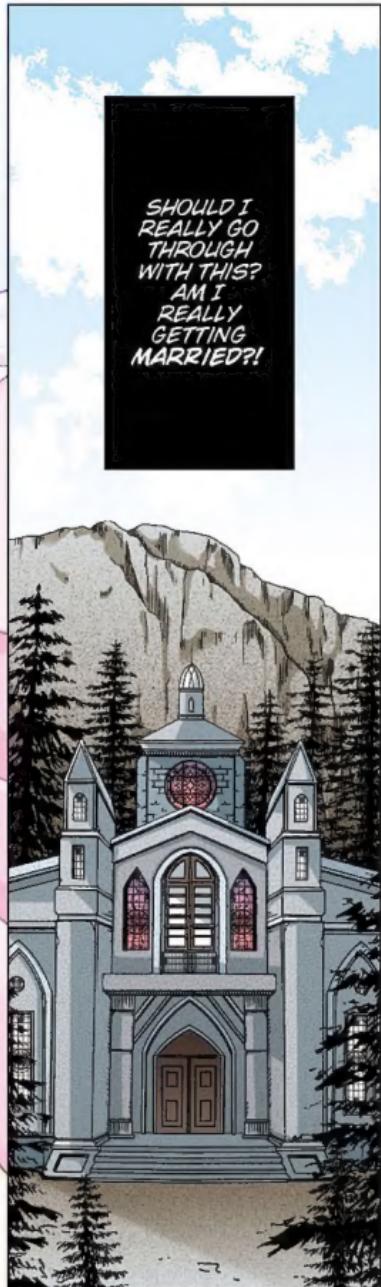
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## Chapter 22: Decisive Battle: Part 1



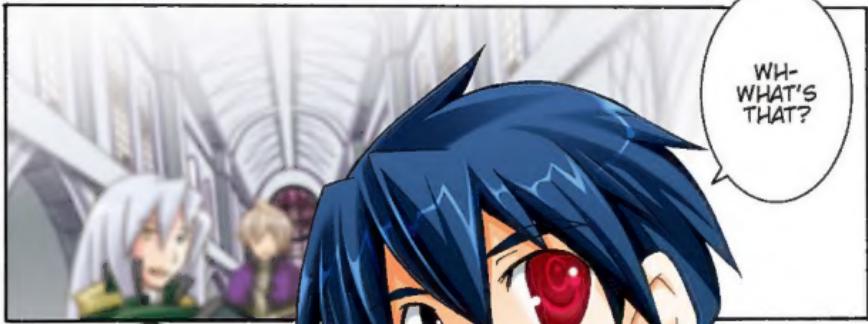


## Chapter 22: Decisive Battle: Part 1



SHOULD I  
REALLY GO  
THROUGH  
WITH THIS?  
AM I  
REALLY  
GETTING  
MARRIED!?









And  
the rune  
on yer  
hand's  
glowing!

Sometimes,  
familiars get  
new powers  
that let 'em be  
the eyes and  
ears of their  
masters...

It could  
be one a  
Gandálf's  
abilities.





LOUISE...





















LOUISE!

X X X  
GRAB



I NEED YOU TO HELP ME!

I WANT TO CONQUER THE WORLD!



I NEED YOUR POWER!!

I KNOW YOU'LL BECOME A POWERFUL MAGE SOMEDAY! A MAGE LIKE GREAT ANCESTOR BRIMIR!

CONQUER ...?!

WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!



I SUPPOSE  
I'LL HAVE TO  
SETTLE FOR  
ACCOMPLISHING  
TWO OF THEM.

YES.

I HAD THREE  
OBJECTIVES  
FOR THIS  
MISSION.

SECOND, TO  
OBTAIN THE  
LETTER THAT  
PRINCE WALES  
ENTRUSTED  
TO YOU...

ON  
BEHALF OF  
PRINCESS  
HENRIETTA.

FIRST, TO  
WIN YOUR  
HEART, AND  
THIS  
CONTROL  
YOU...

WH-  
WHAT IS  
THIS...?

WARDES...  
NO, YOU  
CAN'T  
BE...!

AND  
THIRD--

!

STAB





YOU...  
YOU...

RECONQUISTA!



FATE LED  
ME TO THE  
RECONQUISTA. A  
FEW...STRANGE  
ENCOUNTERS.

YOU'RE A  
NOBLE OF  
TRISTAIN!  
WHY WOULD  
YOU JOIN  
THE ALBION  
REBELLION?

BUT  
WHY?!

AND  
RESTORE  
THE HOLY  
LAND, TO  
PREPARE FOR  
THE SECOND  
COMING OF  
GREAT  
ANCESTOR  
BRIMIR!

WE  
WILL UNITE  
ALL OF  
HALKEGINIA  
UNDER OUR  
RULE...

AND THE  
RECONQUISTA  
GOES FAR  
BEYOND ALBION...  
A CONFEDERATION  
OF NOBLES THAT  
TRANSCENDS  
NATIONAL  
BOUNDARIES.

!!

WOOOSH

WE COULD  
HAVE SEIZED  
THE WORLD  
TOGETHER...





**S  
A  
I  
T  
O  
!!**





**CRUSH**



AAAGH!

HUH  
...?

WHAT  
THE--?!

SWING









I CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
YOU...



THIS  
IS...

UNFOR-  
GIVEABLE!!

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## Chapter 23: Decisive Battle: Part 2



I HOPE  
YOU KEEP US  
ENTERTAINED  
FOR A LITTLE  
WHILE,  
GANDALFR.

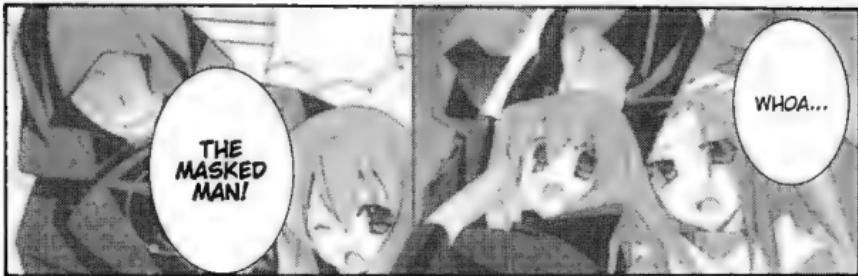
LIBIQUITOLIS  
DEL VINDE.

SHOOM

?!  
?

CLONES?!











Check out  
my true  
power!!

Hey! I'm  
**Derflinger**,  
sword of  
the first  
Gandálf!

I'll suck  
up all yer  
crappy  
magic!



A  
SMALL  
OVER-  
SIGHT.

HM... I  
SHOULD'VE  
DONE MORE  
RESEARCH  
ON THE  
INTELLIGENT  
SWORD.



I NEVER  
WOULD'VE  
GUESSED  
THAT RUSTY  
SWORD HAD  
THIS MUCH  
POWER.

WOW...









FIRE

BALL!!

!!

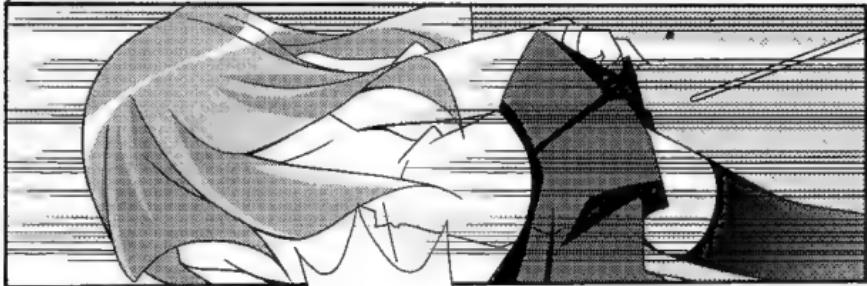


**GRAB!**



YOU'VE  
OUTLIVED  
YOUR USE-  
FULNESS.

I'LL GET  
YOU OUT OF  
THE WAY...  
FOR GOOD!



HA!

NNN...

LHHH...

HMM... STILL BREATHING, ARE YOU?

INNATE TALENT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU CAN'T USE IT PROPERLY.

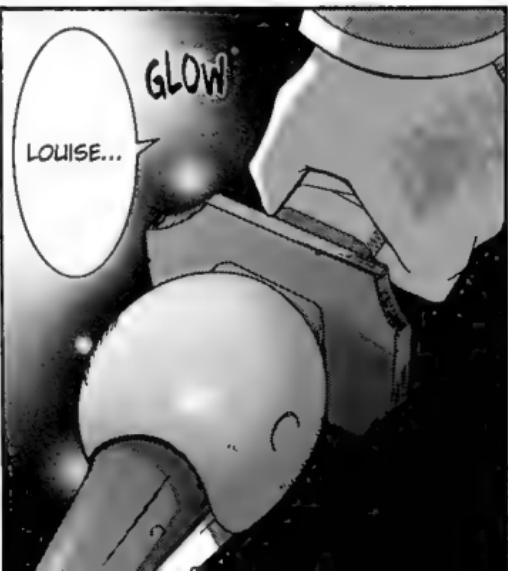


THAT AURA... HOW INTENSE.

HUH?

GLOW

LOUISE...







YOU'RE  
SUCH A  
FOOL!!

WHY WASTE  
YOUR LIFE ON  
A MASTER  
WHO WILL  
NEVER  
RECIPROCATES  
YOUR  
FEELINGS?!

YOU'RE  
PATHETIC,  
COMMONER!  
DID YOU  
MISTAKE  
SYMPATHY  
FOR LOVE?!



MY HEART  
POUNDS  
EVERY TIME  
I SEE HER!

IT'S  
JUST...  
I'M  
NOT IN  
LOVE!

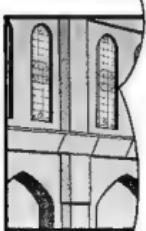




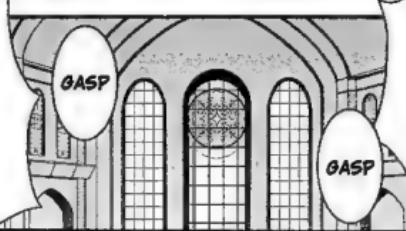


A  
A  
A  
R  
G  
H!

THUMP



R-RIDICULOUS!



GASP

I C-CAN'T  
BELIEVE  
IT...!

GASP



V-VERY  
IMPRESSIVE,  
LEGENDARY  
FAMILIAR  
GANDALFR...

YOU  
ACTUALLY  
SURPASSED  
MY SPEED...



...!

PULL

That's  
enough,  
buddy! Ya  
used up all  
yer energy  
on that  
move!



HAH

HAH

I...  
ALMOST  
GOT HIM.

GASP





THAT CREEP  
ALWAYS HAS TO  
HAVE THE LAST WORD.

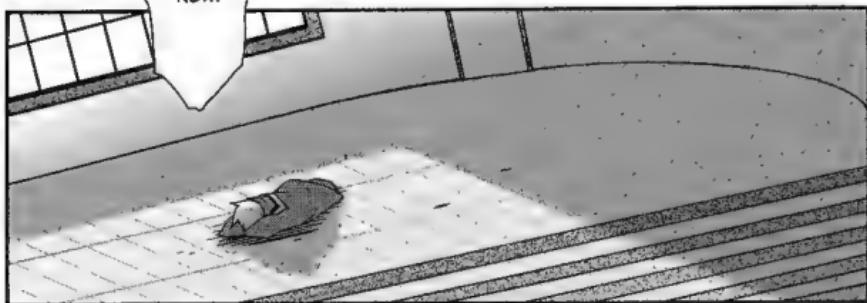


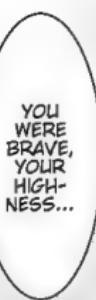
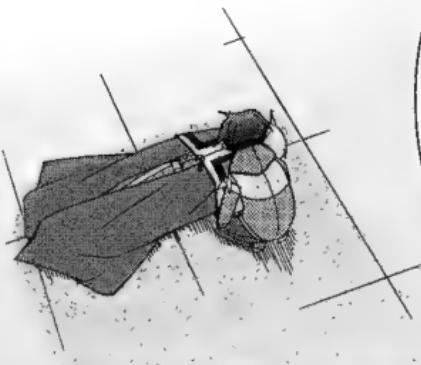


Sigh

WHOA, THAT'S A  
RELIEF









Ha!  
That's  
the  
spirit,  
partner!

I'M  
GONNA  
WIN!!

IF  
THAT'S  
WHAT IT  
TAKES,  
I'LL DO  
IT!

MAYBE  
I WILL!

OORAAA-AHHH!!

TURN

HERE  
WE GO!

BOOM!





THE  
ENEMY'S  
COMING!  
WE GOTTA  
GO!!

HANG ON,  
FORGET  
ALL THAT!

YOU  
GUYS  
ARE ALL  
GROSS  
AND MUDDY!

AH  
HA  
HA  
HA!

Ah  
ha  
ha!

Ha  
ha!

WOW  
WOW!

DARLING...  
DID YOU  
HIT YOUR  
HEAD?

HA HA  
HAAH!

Ha  
ha!

AHA  
HA  
HA  
HA!

AH  
HA  
HA!

WOW...  
SNAP  
OUT OF  
IT!

Just...calm  
down.

Ah  
ha  
ha!

HA  
HA!

SHOULDN'T  
WE...LEAVE  
NOW?

Aha  
ha!

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## Chapter\_24:\_Zero\_Magic\_Element

THIS  
WAS MY  
SANCTUARY.

WHEN I  
NEEDED  
TO CRY...

WHEN  
THINGS  
WERE  
HARD...



THE  
RECONQUISTA  
NOBLES  
SECURED AN  
ABSOLUTE  
VICTORY...

PRINCE  
WALES  
WAS  
MURDERED.

WARDENS'  
BETRAYED  
US.

AND...

IT'S MY DUTY  
TO REPORT  
ALL OF THIS  
TO PRINCESS  
HENRIETTA.





AND... I  
COULDN'T DO  
ANYTHING  
TO STOP IT.  
I COULDN'T  
EVEN THINK  
STRAIGHT...

IT'S JUST...  
SO MUCH  
HAPPENED,  
ALL AT  
ONCE.

PLEASE  
DON'T CRY,  
LOUISE.

LOUISE.

MY  
PRECIOUS  
...







SO MANY  
AWFUL  
THINGS  
HAPPENED  
TODAY...



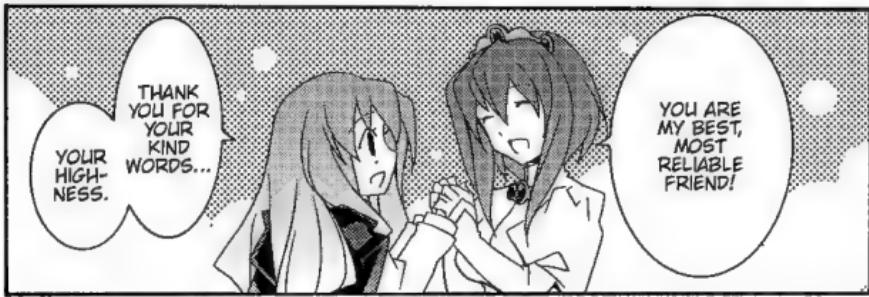
BUT FOR  
SOME  
REASON,  
I FEEL SO  
WARM AND  
HAPPY...

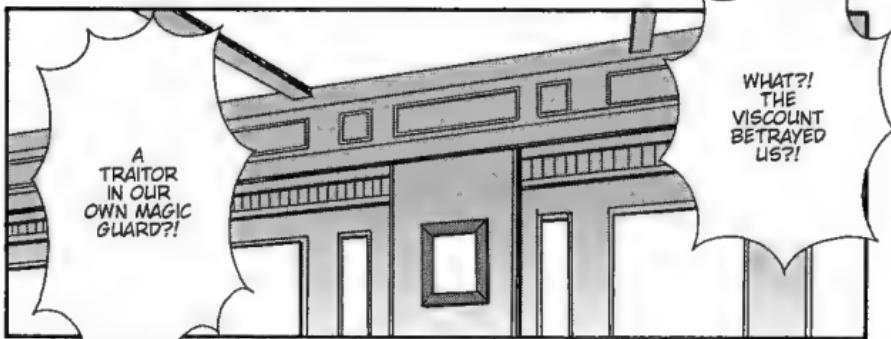


AND  
REALLY  
COZY...









PRINCE  
WALES IS  
DEAD...IT'S  
MY FAULT!

I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
SENT A  
TRAITOR  
ON THIS  
MISSION...

YOU CAN'T  
BLAME  
YOURSELF,  
PRINCESS.

THE PRINCE  
DECIDED TO  
STAY AND FIGHT  
IN HIS OWN  
COUNTRY. HE  
DIDN'T WANT TO  
BE A BURDEN  
ON YOU AND  
THE TRISTAIN  
KINGDOM.

SO...  
YOU DID  
ASK HIM  
TO SEEK  
ASYLUM...

I...I  
LOVED  
HIM SO  
MUCH.

HE WOULD  
NEVER BE A  
BURDEN. I  
ASKED HIM TO  
SEEK ASYLUM  
HERE, SO WE  
COULD BE  
TOGETHER.

I WANTED  
HIM TO  
FORGET  
ABOUT  
PRIDE, AND  
HONOR...









WHAT  
A KIND,  
GENTLE  
FAMILAR.

THANK  
YOU!

Y-  
YOU'RE  
WEL-  
COME.

YES?

WALES

ARE  
YOU ALL  
RIGHT,  
YOUR  
HIGH-  
NESS?

AND HIS  
DEATH WAS  
HONORABLE,  
AND BRAVE.

HE CARED  
SO DEEPLY  
FOR HIS  
COUNTRY...  
AND FOR ME.

I WILL  
LIVE A  
BRAVE AND  
HONORABLE  
LIFE.

SO, IN  
RETURN...





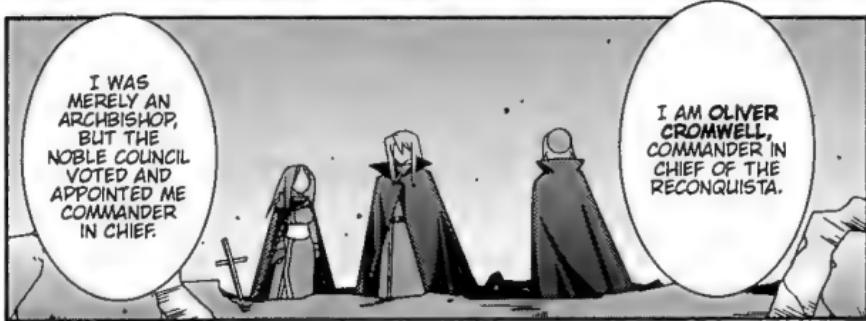










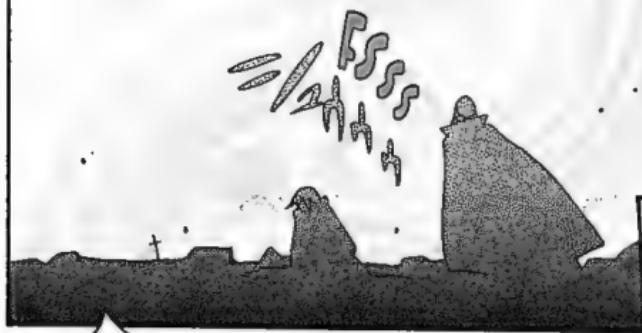










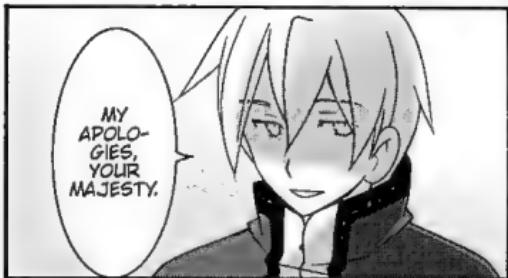


WH-  
WHAT  
THE--?!



PRINCE  
WALES  
....!







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## Chapter 25: Lovestruck Louise

YOU'RE UP  
AWFULLLY  
EARLY!

MORNING,  
LOUISE!



'BOUT YOU  
WEAR THEM  
TODAY?

THESE  
ARE YOUR  
FAVOR-  
ITES,  
RIGHT?

LEMMIE  
SEE...

WHAT ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR?  
YOUR PANTIES  
ARE HERE, IN THE  
SECOND DRAWER.



I CAN  
CHOOSE  
MY OWN  
PANTIES!

KYAAH!

STOP...

STOP  
IT!...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

HUH?



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FAMILIAR

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0











ONCE IT'S INSIDE,  
THE GAS EXPLODES,  
WHICH MOVES THE  
PISTON INSIDE THE  
CYLINDER.

THE BELLOWS  
HERE HELPS  
TURN THE OIL  
INTO A GAS AND  
PUSHES IT INTO  
THE CYLINDER...

EVERY-  
ONE, PAY  
CLOSE  
ATTEN-  
TION!  
  
THIS IS A  
DEVICE THAT  
USES FIRE  
AND OIL TO  
PRODUCE  
ENERGY!

THE LITTLE  
SNAKE POPS  
IN AND OUT!



AS THE  
PISTON  
MOVES, IT  
TURNS THIS  
GEAR, WHICH  
SPINS THE  
WHEEL...AND,  
VOILA!

AND ALL  
WITHOUT  
MAGIC! EVEN  
A COMMONER  
CAN USE  
THIS--ISN'T IT  
A WONDERFUL  
CONTRAPTION?!

A DEVICE  
LIKE THIS  
CAN MOVE  
A CARRIAGE  
WITHOUT  
HORSES, OR  
PROPEL A  
SHIP ACROSS  
WATER!

BUT  
THIS IS  
MORE  
THAN A  
TOY...

SILENCE

ラーッ...

SO?

WHAT'S  
THE BIG  
DEAL?

FIRE  
HAS MANY  
DIFFERENT  
USES, MISS  
ZERBST!

I CAN'T  
BELIEVE I'M  
HEARING THIS  
FROM COLBERT  
THE FLAME  
SERPENT.

THERE IS  
SO MUCH MORE  
TO IT THAN  
COMBAT AND  
DESTRUCTION!

OHI

IS IT  
REALLY  
THAT HARD  
TO COMPRE-  
HEND?

USING  
FIRE MAGIC  
REQUIRES THE  
ACTIVE ATTENTION  
OF A MAGE, BUT  
IF WE CAN FIND  
A METHOD TO  
PERPETUATE  
THOSE FLAMES--

!?

SLUMP

フフ  
フフ  
フフ  
フフ

YOU'RE  
TALKING  
ABOUT AN  
ENGINE!

IT'S  
AN  
ENGINE!

EN-  
JIN...?

IS THAT  
SO? I'M SO  
GLAD SOME-  
ONE HERE  
UNDERSTANDS  
THIS CONCEPT!

WE USE  
THEM BACK  
HOME!

IT'S A  
GREAT  
INVEN-  
TION, MR.  
COLBERT!

A STEAM  
ENGINE  
TURNS HEAT  
ENERGY INTO  
POWER!





I'M "MONT-MORENCY THE FRAGRANCE"! GET IT RIGHT!

OR ELSE I'LL START CALLING YOU "MONT-MORENCY THE DRIZZLE"!

HEY, MON-MON! DON'T CALL MY MASTER "ZERO," GOT IT?!

DON'T PROVOKE HER, OR SHE MIGHT BLOW US ALL UP!

AND WE ALL KNOW "LOUISE THE ZERO" WILL NEVER DO EVEN THE SIMPLEST MAGIC!

GUH!

OH MAN, THAT DID IT.









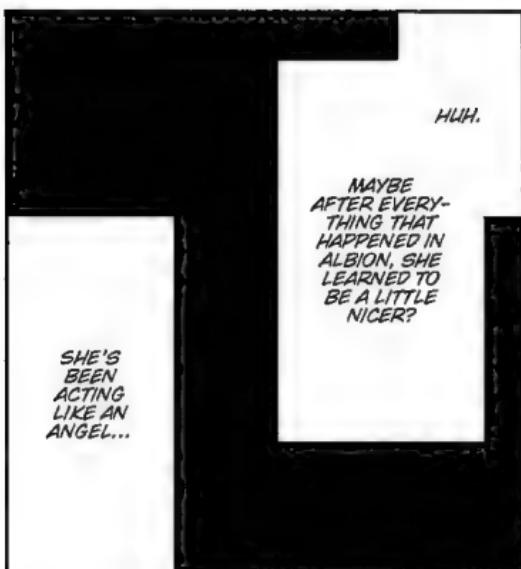
YOU CAN  
SLEEP IN MY  
BED STARTING  
TONIGHT.



I DON'T  
WANT YOU  
TO SLEEP ON  
THE FLOOR  
ANYMORE.  
IT'S CRUEL.



UH...?



I'M GONNA  
WORK  
HARD  
TO BE A  
BETTER  
FAMILIAR.

BUT...  
I STILL  
HAVE A  
LONG WAY  
TO GO.

I...UH...I  
PROMISED  
PRINCE  
WALES I'D  
PROTECT  
YOU.

I ENDED  
UP  
GETTING  
JEALOUS  
OF  
WARDES  
AND  
ACTING  
LIKE A  
MORON.  
  
BUT I  
ALREADY  
MISTOOK  
HER  
KINDNESS  
FOR LOVE  
ONCE.

THERE'S  
A LOT  
I NEED TO  
WORK ON,  
TOO.

I'M NOT SURE  
I'LL MANAGE IT  
MYSELF...BUT I  
HAVE TO KEEP  
TRYING.

I HAVE TO  
FIND A WAY  
TO SEND  
YOU BACK  
TO YOUR  
WORLD.

I KNOW  
NOBODY  
THINKS I  
CAN DO  
ANYTHING,  
BUT...

I MANAGED  
TO SUMMON  
YOU, DIDN'T I?  
I'M SURE I'LL  
MASTER MAGIC  
ONE DAY.

I HAVEN'T  
MASTERED  
ANY OF THE  
FOUR ELEMENTS  
YET...AND NO  
ONE EXPECTS  
ANYTHING FROM  
A GIRL CALLED  
"ZERO."

I JUST  
NEED TO  
KEEP  
TRYING.

I KNOW I  
DON'T HAVE  
TALENT...BUT  
IF I CAN'T DO  
THIS, WHAT  
GOOD AM I?

HONESTLY...  
I JUST  
WANT TO  
BE A GOOD  
MAGE.

I MEAN,  
IT'S GOOD TO  
WORK HARD...  
JUST DON'T  
OVERDO IT.

BUT I'M A  
NOBLE AND  
A MAGE!

HEY, DON'T  
WORRY SO MUCH.  
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T  
DO MAGIC, YOU'RE  
A COOL PERSON!  
YOU'RE CUTE,  
AND KIND...

SAITO  
...?

YOU  
WHAT? THINK...

I THINK...  
YOU...

YOU'RE ASLEEP.

OH...

BUT YOU  
FELL ASLEEP,  
AND DIDN'T  
EVEN MAKE  
A MOVE...

WE'RE  
SLEEPING  
IN THE  
SAME  
BED...

WHAT  
SHOULD I  
DO...?

BUT I'VE  
NEVER FELT  
SO...HOT...  
BEFORE...

BA-  
THUMP

WHA--?  
WHAT AM I  
SAYING!?

I CAN'T BE  
GETTING THIS  
WORKED UP  
OVER MY OWN  
FAMILIAR!

BA-  
THUMP



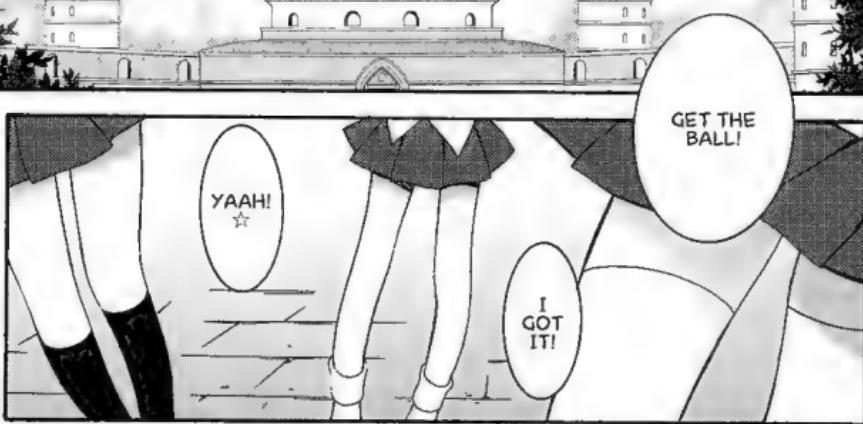
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## Chapter 26: The Founder's Prayer Book

















AND I'M  
QUITE  
PROUD OF  
MY BODY.  
♥

I DON'T  
MIND, MR.  
SAITO.

SLIP

I'M OKAY  
WITH IT...  
IF IT'S YOU.  
♥

I DOUBT  
SHE'D  
COME OUT  
HERE.

PEEL

BUT  
LOUISE  
WILL BE  
HERE  
SOON!

I-I'M  
REALLY  
FLAT-  
TERED...

RIGHT,  
DARLING?

YOU'RE  
NOT NEARLY  
ENOUGH  
TO SATISFY  
HIM!

YOU WON'T  
WIN HIM  
OVER WITH  
THOSE  
UNDERSIZED  
BREASTS!

BOING











HUFF

REPORT  
TO THE  
HEAD-  
MASTER'S  
OFFICE  
IMMEDI-  
ATELY!







I DON'T  
HAVE  
ANYTHING  
TO OFFER...

SIGH.







IT'S A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY-- YOU'LL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THIS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CEREMONY!

BEING CHOSEN IS QUITE AN HONOR, YOU KNOW.

WHAT?!

TH-THEY WANT ME TO BE...AN ORACLE?!

B-BUT...

CAN I REALLY DO SOMETHING SO IMPORTANT...?

YOU'RE HER CHILDHOOD FRIEND...I'M SURE YOU CAN IMAGINE HOW SHE FEELS.

THE PRINCESS WAS QUITE ADAMANT THAT YOU BE CHOSEN.

DON'T SAY THAT. YOU SHOULD NEVER DOUBT YOUR ABILITIES!

HOLD YOUR HEAD HIGH AND MAKE THE PRINCESS PROUD!

PRINCESS...



YES,  
SIR!

I HAPPILY  
ACCEPT  
THIS  
APPOINT-  
MENT!



YES! ANY-  
THING TO  
MAKE THE  
PRINCESS  
HAPPY!

I'M  
GLAD!

THE  
PRINCESS  
WILL BE  
PLEASED.

THAT'S  
WONDER-  
FUL!

SO, YOU  
ACCEPT!



I JUST NEED  
A LITTLE  
MORE SELF-  
CONFIDENCE!

PRINCESS  
HENRIETTA  
CHOSE ME  
TO BE HER  
ORACLE.

I'LL  
MAKE HER  
PROUD!

I'VE GOT  
TO WORK  
HARDER!



I...I'LL  
DO MY  
BEST!





ZERO'S FAMILIAR  
VOL. 5-! ♥

AFTER-  
WORD!



IT WAS  
A COZY  
ATMOSPHERE

THE ROOM  
TEMPERATURE  
IS STABLE AND  
IT'S QUIET  
AFTER LUNCH.  
AWESOME!

THE OTHER  
DAY, I TRIED  
TO DO SOME  
WORK AT  
A FAMILY  
RESTAURANT.

GOOD  
AFTERNOON!  
THIS IS NANA  
MOCHIZUKI.

ZERO'S  
FAMILIAR  
VOLUME 5!

STILL  
GOING!

A FRIEND  
PICKED  
ON ME  
FOR  
NEVER  
EATING  
AT A  
FAMILY  
RESTAURANT  
BEFORE...

YOU'VE  
NEVER EATEN  
AT BIKKURI  
DONKEY\*?

BUT I  
BEGAN TO  
WORK THERE  
BECAUSE...

NO.



\*BIKKURI DONKEY IS A FAMILY RESTAURANT CHAIN MOSTLY KNOWN FOR ITS HAMBURG STEAKS.

I DECIDED TO  
GET OUT OF MY  
CAVE AND TRY  
EATING OUT  
TO FAMILIARIZE  
MYSELF WITH  
RESTAURANTS!

ALSO...

I'D NEVER  
EVEN  
HEARD OF  
THAT RES-  
TAURANT  
BEFORE!

DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHAT COCO  
ICHIBANYA\*  
SERVES?

?!



HOW  
ABOUT  
FRESHNESS  
BURGER\*\*?

NOPE!



\*COCO ICHIBANYA IS A CURRY  
RESTAURANT CHAIN.  
\*\*FRESHNESS BURGER IS  
A FAST-FOOD BURGER  
RESTAURANT CHAIN.

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED  
SUPPORT!

I'M ONLY ABLE  
TO CONTINUE LIKE  
THIS BECAUSE OF  
READERS LIKE YOU!

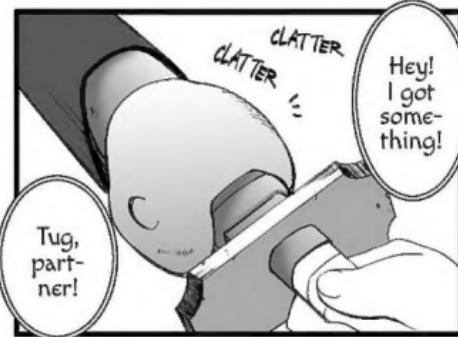
KANON-SAN  
AND NORIE-  
SAN, THANK  
YOU AS  
ALWAYS!

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